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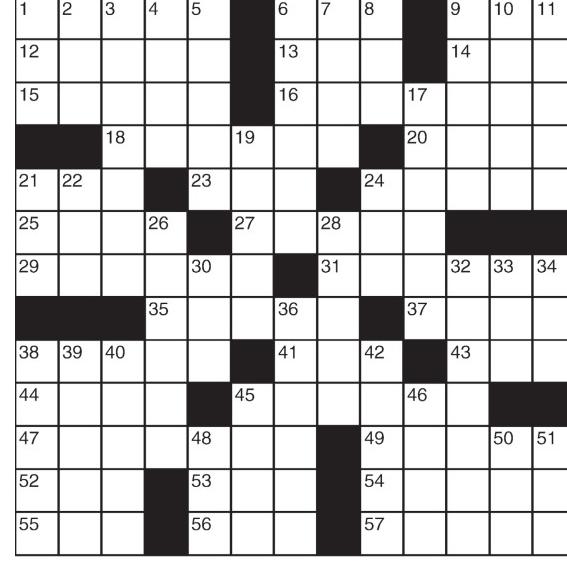
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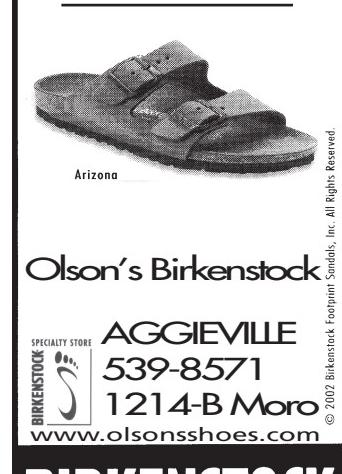
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Sarah Becker, sophomore in wildlife biology, plays with her rats, Mandella, Ridiculous and Nimbus on Aug. 25, 2005, in Goodnow Hall.

Reptiles top campus pet lists

By Lola Shrimplin
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students who want to bring pets into the residence halls should think about what pets they want, then think twice, said Dave Karnowski of Scaly Dave's Herp Shack, 1126 Laramie St.

Scaly Dave's sells pets to students in residence halls that will fit into 20-gallon or smaller containers, and will require little care and handling, Karnowski said.

Students buying pets for residence halls often purchase reptiles, like a ball python, but the store tries not to sell pets that will require more care or are too large, like tortoises and Burmese pythons, Karnowski said.

Students should consider

whether they have the ability and time to care for animals, as well as the money, Karnowski said.

"If you don't have the money, don't spend it," he said.

Students in the past have opted for snakes and rabbits in the residence halls, said David Yoder, residential-life coordinator for Marlatt Hall.

"Each pet must be relatively quiet, low in odor, non-poisonous, nonvenomous, harmless and disease-free," according to the K-State Residence Hall Handbook, 2006-07.

Certain amphibians like frogs and toads are accepted, as well as some birds.

Insects like ornate beetles and mammals, like rats, ham-

sters, gerbils, mice and degus are allowed, as well as dwarf and small-breed rabbits.

Fish and snakes no more than 48 inches in length, lizards no more than 24 inches in length, and some turtles are also permitted.

"The really exotic stuff that isn't on the list, you can't bring it in," Yoder said.

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Wireless accessibility improves

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State has taken several steps to improve the availability of Internet connection and security throughout the campus.

Rebecca Gould, director of Information Technology Assistance Center, said nearly 70 percent of the campus now has wireless capabilities. Nichols Hall, the K-State Student Union and the residence halls now have wireless, which means students no longer have to connect to the wall in order to get Internet access; they can go to the lobby or anywhere else with wireless availability.

"Students can now be in common areas and have the availability of practically anywhere, anytime Internet access," Gould said.

Jeremy Mason, junior in computer science, said he has lived in the dorms since he was a freshman and is relieved to finally have wireless Internet.

He said the wireless capabilities will allow students to use the floor lobbies as a study area and also will allow students to connect with more than one computer.

Mason said the Internet was not yet working in the residence halls.

"I just hope they make the deadline. It's going to be close with the move-in date on Friday," he said.

Several classrooms also have been upgraded.

Liquid crystal display (LCD) projectors, DVD/CD players, computers and video capture capabilities will be placed in Bluemont 122,

Waters 348 and Dickens 207, Gould said.

Campus is not the only place students can receive a wireless signal. Radina's Coffeeshop & Bakery, 616 N. Manhattan Ave., caters to students looking for Internet access away from the campus.

Eddie Saldonha, Radina's employee, said 30 to 40 students come to Radina's during an average day.

"A lot of people would rather get off campus because you can get drinks or bring groups here," Saldonha said. "Students come more for the atmosphere than just the studying aspect."

For students who do not have laptops or wireless capabilities, there are several computer labs around campus.

Gould said there are eight labs with public access, plus other labs exclusively for certain departments.

K-State has updated some of the older labs, changed the screen appearance of the

computers and started construction on a new computer lab, she said.

"We always like to say that there are over 480 computers across campus for students to use," Gould said.

The new lab is under construction in Willard 217 and will be called Humanities Commons. It will be exclusively an Apple Macintosh environment, and is primarily for use by humanities students.

K-State will be introducing new anti-virus software that will be available to all K-State students, either on or off campus.

The university has replaced Norton AntiVirus with a new program called Trend Micro OfficeScan. Macintosh users will still have to use Norton Antivirus.

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OPINION

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The right side

Getting a strong start academically makes the rest of the semester less stressful for students

I always hated the phrase "some-one got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning," but it does have some meaning. A bad start can ruin your entire day, so it's best to have a good start to give you a boost. It is important to keep this mindset as the first day of school approaches.

An average semester usually consists of going to all your classes for about three days, then slacking for three months, and finally trying your hardest right before the end. But imagine if we actually kept going to class and doing our homework. Would the cramming and the stressing really be necessary?

I've yet to try it, but it sounds like a cool plan. I'm going to try

and postpone the procrastinating until Christmas – oh, I mean winter break. If I start out well, maybe the entire semester will be worthwhile. If I buckle down and take the two or three hours a day and go to class and pay attention, I might learn something in the process.

I know I might sound like a radical, suggesting that we actually do what we're supposed to do in college, but higher education shouldn't be the thing we do five days a week in between beer pong games, shower parties and other frat shenanigans. (I would have called it Beirut, but that city has enough problems right now.)



OWEN KENNEDY

The shenanigans should come second to work and study, because then instead of relying on Daddy to get us a job, we might gain knowledge and have real qualifications for the real world. If we do the hard work, we will make ourselves

that much more prepared. And we only have to do this thing for a little while, then we get to be adults.

Think about what you'll be like in 10 years. Will you look back and say, "Man, I wish I would have tried harder"? Or will you say, "Dude, classes sucked in college, but at least I benefited"? If you say the latter, chances are you won't have to settle for a career in selling jeans shorts and jeans-short accessories.

It is always good to live in the moment, but you have to consider tomorrow from time to time. I wanted to get the most out of the college

party experience as I could, but then I realized that wasn't going to pay the bills when I was done here.

We all have to grow up sometime, and it's best to start when it matters.

Get a good start to the rest of life, and that will set you up for continued success and achievement.

To get a good start to the rest of your life, why not get a good start to this semester, and, if you're a freshman, get a good start to college. Do your best consistently this semester, and finals week won't be so dreadful.

Do your best today and tomorrow, and life won't be regretful once we're in the real world.

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Higher education forces realization of purpose or lack thereof

Hauling my carcass out of my damp pit, I realize with horror that I must, in fact, go back to school. The shock apparently is worse for my academic adviser who, upon sight, begins weeping uncontrollably and drinking from a nondescript plastic bottle with "Wildcat Mash" written in magic marker.

Having waited until the last moment to enroll, I resign myself to yet another semester of Introduction to Beginner's Intermediary College Arithmetic, which most people refer to as Counting to 10.

Despite my adviser's pleas to "go



JONAS HOGG

to class," "graduate," or "light myself on fire and throw myself off Hale Library," I seem to linger like bad breath at the pearly gates of academia.

Being neither intelligent, motivated nor literate, no one seems to grasp what exactly I'm doing here. However, it is perhaps the total absence of skill, desire and ability that enables my awesome university performance, nestled, as it is, between government worthlessness and academic worthlessness.

What is the purpose of the university world these days, other than

to give me a near-permanent excuse for not finding a job?

Even the chronically lazy can soak up at least a little benefit from the surrounding atmosphere with only a modicum of effort. But listening to the little snippets of conversation that float through the air one can't help but dodge the angry grunts of those forced here by parents or lack of anything better to do.

"Man, I'm just here to get drunk. I don't care about none of this."

Since the state universities have devolved from vibrant institutions into the new NASCAR stands of university education, it is not surprising at all that the dregs of productive society,

namely myself, seem to shelter here.

Modern schools are, after all, here to soak up as many dollars as they can before they turn around and shoot the newly begowned ignorant out the posterior end of college graduation.

It is, of course, the people and not the university itself that create the experience – why are Ivy League schools reputedly better than state schools? Because they do not let the likes of me – and my unwashedness – in. It is not the faculty, the students or the ensmartening air of the coasts, it is simply the people. Take, for instance, Hale versus the faculty of Yale.

As the new doughy-faced university attendees rush hither and yon to

buy books and borrow their big sisters' IDs for the weekend, one question hopefully will arise from time to time is: what do I want from these years?

Being the grouchy old fart that I am, I'll pine for the "good ol' days" when the only people who came to higher education were those who enjoyed learning. Fortunately, I have my adviser's dissolved liver and my own bottle of Wildcat Mash to shuttle me through another semester of endless complaining and self-degradation.

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Collegian's fall editors offer personal tips to make moving in easier, faster

Annette Lawless – I think I made a billion trips to Wal-Mart and Target while moving into my apartment. I suggest writing a master list of essentials for your kitchen before jetting to the store.

Leann Sulzen – Don't forget to change your address with the post office and other places.

Jonas Hogg – Make sure your friends have big trucks to help you move. If you don't have friends with big trucks, then take them hostage.

Owen Kennedy – If you're a female, take advantage of the fraternity pledges who are helping people move in. They are there for a reason.

Kerry Fischer – Make sure your roommates know how to pick up and clean up after themselves. It will make everyone's lives much easier, and there will be a lot less tension.

Emily Lawrence – When you move in, be sure to take pictures of any flaws in your apartment. These will come in handy when you move out.

Megan Moser – Arrive before your roommates so you can claim the best room/bed shelf. They're far less likely to fight for it when your stuff is already there.

Steven Doll – Be sure to start bonding with the other people on your floor and in your hall.

Anthony Mendoza – When taking your first walk through your apartment, be sure to check the plumbing. There's always a chance that your pipes might not be connected.

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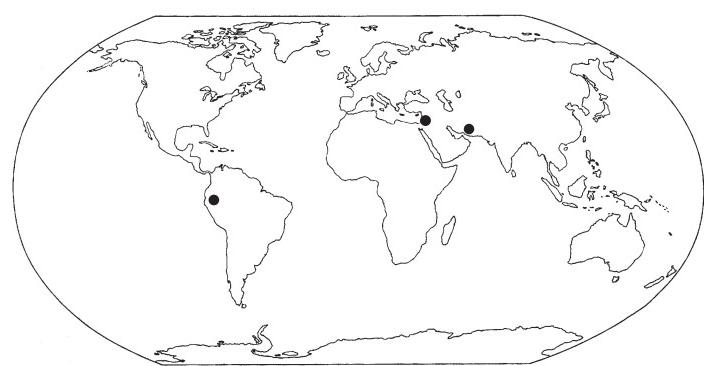
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SUSPECTS SAY LEADERS OF AL-QAEDA OK'D LONDON PLOT

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Detained terror suspects told interrogators that al-Qaeda's top leaders approved a plot to blow up planes flying from Britain to the United States, a senior Pakistani intelligence agent said Thursday.

Some of the suspects said No. 2-ranked Ayman al-Za-

wahri probably authorized the plan, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the investigation.

Pakistani intelligence officials have said the would-be London-plane bombers wanted to carry out a large attack to mark the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, but were too "inexperienced to carry it out."

LEBANESE FORCES A WELCOME SIGHT

QLEIA, Lebanon — Villagers throwing rice and Hezbollah supporters holding banners welcomed the country's army to south Lebanon on Thursday after a nearly 40-year absence, and the first airliner landed at Beirut airport since fighting began more than a month ago.

Four days into a cease-fire between Israel and Hezbollah, there was still no firm date for a deployment of an enhanced international force that is supposed to expand to 15,000 troops and join an equal number of Lebanese soldiers.

1 PERSON KILLED, 60 MISSING IN VOLCANO ERUPTION

QUITO, Ecuador — A volcanic eruption in Ecuador's Andes mountains destroyed three villages, killed at least one man and left more than 60 others missing, the mayor of a village on the volcano's slope said Thursday.

The death reported Thursday was the first reported from a Tungurahua eruption since the volcano rumbled back to life in 1999 after staying dormant for 80 years.

Student body president welcomes students



Letter from the President

Welcome, Wildcats!

Monday is the first day of the fall semester. For some, it means the final few pages of an illustrious university review; for many more, it begins the first chapter of an entirely new book.

The Manhattan campus community awaited your presence, excited by promise and potential. A new face is on the sidelines as Ron Prince directs our Saturdays from within the stadium of a legend. Bob Huggins is on the bench at Bramlage, and fans recall the 59-55 score of last year and say, "THAT was

just the beginning."

You'll see the aforementioned on ESPN, but don't forget to switch over to CNN as they monitor the long-awaited return of our First Infantry Unit just a few miles down I-70 at Fort Riley.

This is the beginning of a period of excitement as K-State now ranks in the top 10 nationwide for land grant universities, as Man-

hattan experiences a historic period of growth, and as our athletes continue a rush to dominance in the Big 12.

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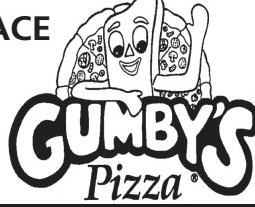
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Despite sales increase, football tickets still available

By Jonathan Garten
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students still hoping to get season football tickets this year are in luck. Robin Fosha, director of ticket operations, said there are 1,100 student tickets still available. Most of the remaining tickets are general admission, with a few ICAT tickets available.

Casey Scott, associate athletics director for operations, said students who have not ordered tickets do not need to worry.

"We still have plenty of student tickets available for football," Scott said. "We've sold more than we had last year at this time, but we are definitely not sold out."

Fosha said students who have not ordered tickets on KATS can purchase the remaining tickets from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Bramlage Coliseum.

Reserved season football tickets can be picked up 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Bramlage Coliseum, and general admission and ICAT tickets can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday.

The real concern this year might be getting men's basketball tickets. Fosha said the season ticket sales have doubled from where they were last year at this time.

"This year is unusual in that everyone wants the football and men's basketball combo," Fosha said. "Basketball hasn't been as much of an issue in the past but this year has just been unreal."

So much so that Big 12 packages for men's basketball are no longer on sale, Scott said.

"We're not selling the Big 12 pack-

Ticket cost

	GA/reserved	ICAT
Football	\$143	\$173
Football/Basketball		
combo	\$240	sold out

Men's basketball general admission tickets are available for \$100.

Tickets will be on sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 23 in Bramlage Coliseum.

Remaining basketball tickets will be on sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 12 in Bramlage Coliseum.

*Football and men's basketball require tickets and ID for entrance. All other sports require only a K-State student ID.

age this year because the season ticket sales have just gone out the roof," Scott said. "The sales we saw in the

spring and summer were well over what I have seen for years."

Scott said more than 10,000 season tickets for men's basketball already have been sold.

Starting this year, the ticket office will begin incorporating electronic ticket scanning. The new technology will be used this year for student tickets in football and all tickets in men's basketball, Fosha said.

She said the new scanning system would not prevent students from selling or giving their tickets to someone else.

"There's really not a problem with transferring tickets as long as the person comes in with an ID," Fosha said. "It's kind of a built-in loophole so that if you're picking up a couple tickets for friends or family to come to a game they can, as long as they are carrying an ID."

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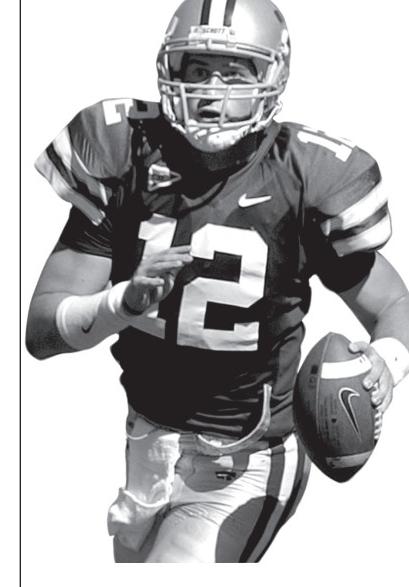
CFB | FSN Midwest to air special featuring K-State, Ron Prince

Fox Sports Net has announced it will air two preseason kickoff specials featuring the K-State football program.

Big 12 Football Preview featuring K-State is a 30-minute show produced by FSN Midwest and hosted by Emily Jones. The show includes a look back at K-State's 2005 campaign, an introduction to the 2006 Wildcats and an analysis of the upcoming season, a sit-down interview with coach **Ron Prince**, and preview of the Big 12 Conference.

Big 12 Football Preview featuring K-State will debut on FSN Midwest at 7 p.m., Aug. 21.

The show will then be replayed on at 11 a.m., Aug. 22, at 2 p.m., Aug. 24 and 3 a.m., Sept. 3.



CFB | Evridge confirms transfer from K-State to Wisconsin

Former K-State starting quarterback **Allan Evridge**, who decided to leave less than a week into fall practice, is transferring to Wisconsin.

Evridge and his mother told the Omaha World-Herald and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Wednesday that he'll be a Badger.

"Right when I stepped on campus it was just a great feeling," Evridge told the Journal Sentinel, confirming that he had selected Wisconsin over Texas Christian University and Oregon State. "Meeting with Coach [Bret] Bielema in the morning ... he's just a man I've greatly respected."

Bielema was the co-defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at K-State when Evridge signed in February 2004 but left soon after to coach at Wisconsin.

Because Wisconsin doesn't have a scholarship available, Evridge will be a walk-on this fall, the Journal Sentinel reported. The quarterback will have to sit out the 2006 season and have two seasons of eligibility remaining after that.

NFL | Sproles' season over after injury in preseason opener

Former K-State running back **Darren Sproles** will miss the season, after the San Diego Chargers' return specialist was placed on injured reserve Tuesday. He underwent surgery on Monday to repair a fractured left fibula.

Sproles was injured in the team's opening preseason game on Saturday, and the original diagnosis was that he had suffered a high ankle sprain.

Further tests, however, revealed the broken fibula and the San Diego medical staff recommended surgery.

Sproles, 23, averaged 24.3 yards on 63 kickoff returns as a rookie in 2005, with a long return of 58 yards.

He also handled the punt return chores for a while, but after struggling to catch the ball and averaging only 6.0 yards on 18 returns, he was replaced.

A fourth-round draft choice, Sproles only handled the ball 11 times from scrimmage in 2005, but averaged 6.3 yards on eight carries.

Because of his elusiveness in the open field and his big-play potential, the San Diego coaches spent the spring and summer formulating plans to get Sproles on the field more.

Don't miss these events

■ Every game can potentially be great, but these events have the best story lines.

By Anthony Mendoza
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There will be a different buzz in Manhattan during the fall semester. Bill Snyder will no longer stand on the sidelines with his white Nike Air Cortez tennis shoes. The jacket throw Jim Wooldridge busted out every so often during men's basketball games will not be on display this winter either.

With new coaches and players involved in a number of sports, K-State fans should try to be at every sporting event. But if you can't, here are the ones you should try to attend.

Friday, Sept. 1

Varney's K-State Invitational

■ This is the first chance to see the No. 25 women's volleyball team in action against a non-conference opponent.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Football against Illinois State at 6:10 p.m.

■ New offense, defense, coaches and quarterback. This will be Ron Prince's first game as a head coach at any level. Don't expect much competition, but this game could be a barometer of what you can expect from the Wildcats this year.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Volleyball against No. 13 Missouri at 7 p.m.

■ The first big match of the year at Ahearn Field House and the first Big 12 match for the Wildcats.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Football against Louisville TBA

■ Louisville is the best non-conference opponent to play in Manhattan since 2002, when K-State beat Southern California 27-20. That year, USC quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman Trophy. Louisville brings two Heisman candidates into this game in junior quarterback Brian Brohm and senior running back Michael Bush.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Football against Nebraska TBA

■ The Wildcats have beaten the Huskers at home four straight times. Last season's 27-25 loss to Nebraska in Lincoln eliminated K-State from a bowl appearance berth for the second-straight year.

Saturday Oct. 28

Volleyball against No. 1 Nebraska at 7 p.m.

■ Nebraska finished last season with a 33-2 record and was the national champion runners up. The Cornhuskers swept the Wildcats last season, only losing one set. They return three starters and only lose three players from their eight player rotation.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Women's basketball vs. Washburn (exhibition) TBA

■ K-State won the Women's National Invitation Tournament last year, and that should earn them a spot in the Top 25 to start the season. The team returns a majority of its players but will be without starting center JoAnn Hamlin and would-be senior Twiggie McIntrye, who both transferred during the summer.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Football against Texas TBA

■ They no longer have Vince Young, but the Longhorns will bring a legit team, fans, media and hype to Snyder Family Stadium.

Men's basketball against William & Mary TBA

■ Not too many things can overshadow a football game at home against Texas, but Bob Huggins' debut as the men's basketball coach is something that will. It will probably be the first of many sell-out games at Bramlage Coliseum for the Wildcats.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Football at Kansas TBA

■ The last time the Wildcats traveled to Lawrence, the Jayhawks snapped their 11-game losing streak to K-State with a 31-28 victory.

Men's basketball against Tennessee Tech TBA

■ This will be the final time there will be a regular-season football game and men's non-conference basketball game on the same day.

Making both games might be difficult if the times are scheduled closely together, but it is only a short drive to or from Lawrence if you want to be at both.

Heavy lifting



Make moving in a bit easier, less painful with a plan, assistance

Before attempting to move that heavy box, transport furniture or eliminate old equipment, there are some questions you should ask yourself.

HOW HEAVY IS THIS OBJECT?

You never want to lift or transport more than you can easily manage. If you're unsure, or if the object is an awkward shape, ask for assistance.

CAN THIS BE MOVED MECHANICALLY?

Mechanical help not only speeds the job up, but also relieves your body of unnecessary stress. A dolly, a forklift or a flat cart with wheels can be used. When using mechanical help remember to push, not pull, slide the object on and off the transport mechanism and securely fasten the load.

To prepare for a long day of moving, Long and Beth Larue, Rec Complex personal trainer and senior in nutrition and exercise science, agree that individuals should begin with the lighter loads before moving the heavier loads. Frequent breaks also are suggested to allow muscles time to rejuvenate.

"Make sure you've been awake and moving for awhile before you start lifting objects of any weight," Larue said. "You will lower your risk for an injury if your muscles are already warmed up."

It is important to warm up your leg muscles. Because they are much stronger than back muscles, your quadriceps, gluteal muscles and hamstrings should be getting the most activity.

"If soreness does occur the following day, try doing some light to moderate activity, as well as stretching to alleviate the discomfort," Larue said.

Lifting gives both your legs and abdominals some extra work. By keeping your abs tight, you're securing your back muscles for good lifting position. This prevents excessive force on the spine and is preventative in back-muscle soreness or injury.

"Lifting and moving objects for a long period of time can be considered a moderate workout with only a daily activity caloric burn," Long said.

"Most individuals will not exceed 55 to 85 percent of their target heart rate just carrying objects up the stairs, therefore it shouldn't be considered an extreme workout. It is important, however, to keep hydrated when moving on hot days."

1. Stand close to the object with a wide stance. Bend knees to lower yourself to the object and keep a curve in the lower back.

2. Stand by straightening the knees and hips, keeping the abdominal stabilizers (transverse and oblique) lifted and firm. Do not jerk up.

3. When upright, pivot your feet; do not simply twist your torso.

"Some things you want to avoid when lifting are straight legs. Keep-

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STEP UP | BUENA VISTA PICTURES

At the box office

Blockbuster movies of the summer: ones you've missed, should see

While the summer movie season had its standard fill of top Hollywood actors, not every film was a "Step Up" from major motion pictures of the year.

For some movies it was the acting, and for others, it was the special effects that truly won over audiences.

Whether they wore "Prada" or sunk "In the Water," here are some of our staff's recent reviews of movies that graced the big screen.

"Lady in the Water"

Grade: C

Movie review by April Newby

M. Night Shyamalan has no doubt made his mark in Hollywood through suspenseful, imaginative and so far, successful dramas.

In his most recent film, "Lady in the Water," however, he seems to have lost his movie-making charm.

Not only is Shyamalan's convoluted plot difficult to decipher, but it requires an enormous suspension of disbelief that in no way comes together at the end of the movie.

Shyamalan remarked that the film began as a bedtime story he told to his daughters and evolved over time.

"Lady in the Water" is exactly this, with a plot that strings the audience along and threatens to put them to sleep.

Aside from the plot holes and obvious flaws, the acting in "Lady in the Water" is superb.

Bryce Dallas Howard does an excellent job convincing the audience with her narf-like idiosyncrasies, and Paul Giamatti is brilliantly genuine and emotional as Cleveland, a stuttering hotel landlord who befriends her.

Despite the decent acting and creative script, however, "Lady in the Water" still manages to fall short, with a disastrous delivery that crushes any positive expectations.

"Step Up"

Grade: B+

Movie review by Eileen Lau

"Step Up" danced into theaters this past weekend.

Critics have had mixed opinions so far, and there is talk of the same formula being used as with most "dance movies."

Yes, it is a dance movie. Yes, there isn't a lot of depth to explore, but I went into the theater expecting a dance movie.

This movie is different, however, because we get deeper into the characters and the real people behind the film.

The story revolves around Tyler Gage (Channing Tatum), a youth

who spends more time stealing cars and causing trouble with his friends than thinking about his future.

Nora Clark (Jenna Dewan) is a talented dancer at the Maryland School of Arts who is trying desperately to find a partner for her senior showcase and thinking of nothing but her future.

After his troublemaking lands him 200 hours of community service, Tyler ends up at the school, and Nora soon discovers his raw talent for dancing.

Sparks fly between the two on and off the dance floor, but Tyler has to make the decision to step up and fight for what he wants.

The film is well-acted by Dewan and Tatum. Tatum, with no prior professional dance training, and Dewan, a dancer since age 5, have brilliant chemistry.

Both have said they related to the characters, and it shows throughout the film. Mario, Drew Sidora and Rachel Griffiths round out the cast, although I believe Griffiths wasn't used to her full potential.

I really enjoyed the film; however, I like this type of story – the romance between the boy from the wrong side of the tracks and the perfect, talented girl who has something to lose.

I enjoyed the dancing; the choreography by first-time director Anne Fletcher was amazing. The dancing was almost like a character in the film, and I wanted to see more and more.

All in all, I really like the movie, but if you don't like dance or romance movies, I wouldn't recommend it.

If you like movies about following your dreams, great music, awesome dancing and stepping up to what you can achieve, this is the movie for you.

"World Trade Center"

Grade: D+

Movie review by Brendan Praeger

Anyone who worries it's too soon for a movie based on the

Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks has no reason to take offense from Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center."

The movie doesn't exploit or romanticize the attack, and Stone avoids political commentary or conspiracy theories.

Instead, he uses the event as a backdrop to tell the story of two of the final survivors pulled from the rubble at Ground Zero.

Stone handles the attacks better than anyone could have hoped.

He never shows the planes hitting the buildings, instead he lets the audience experience the crash the same way most New Yorkers did: a loud crash followed by fear and confusion.

The story evolves around the Port Authority Police officers sent to aid the evacuation.

They are trapped in the rubble, and only two live through the building's collapse.

Officers McLoughlin (Nicholas Cage) and Jimeno (Michael Pena) help each other stay alive while waiting for a rescue team to find them.

Where movies like "Titanic" succeed by focusing on the characters instead of the tragedy, "World Trade Center" falls short.

It's heartbreaking to watch the officers' families struggle with the possibility of losing their loved ones, but since we already know how the film will end, Stone achieves about as much suspense as a press release.

Once the attacks are over, Stone employs every trick in the book to create overbearing sentimentality.

Sappy flashbacks, false alarms, thank-you barbeques and even hallucinations of Jesus turn a potentially inspiring story into little more than a Lifetime movie with high production values.

Stone also stumbles by inserting a few unnecessary storylines into a film that already lasts too long.

It's great that some police officers from Wisconsin came to cook brats for rescue workers.

The movie's subplot, however, is so unexplored and out of context it's a wonder it wasn't saved for the deleted scenes on one of the inevitable special edition DVDs.

I understand it would be dis-

tasteful to invent characters to create drama in an event that happened just a few short years ago, but if the outcome of the plot is never in doubt, why bother?

We don't need to see news clips or burning buildings to remember Sept. 11.

"World Trade Center" fails because it's depressing and predictable.

It just never reaches the level of inspiration to which it aspires.

"Talladega Nights"

Grade: B

Movie review by Matt Sundberg

Will Ferrell is dead to me. Ever since he started making poor choices in movies the last few years ("Bewitched" and "Kicking and Screaming," for example), his humor has gone from great ("Old School," "Anchorman") to tiresome.

However, after seeing "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," I must say I was surprised and might start to forgive Ferrell for the past few box office flops.

"Talladega Nights" is one of the few comedies I have seen in which the jokes are consistently funny.

From the opening of the movie, where Ricky Bobby is born on a highway in the back of a Chevy through the rest of the movie – including a scene where Ferrell's co-stars attempt to get a knife out of his leg by using two more knives – the comedy always seems to stay on track.

The all-star cast also lends the movie a lot of strength: Gary Cole, Bill Lumbergh from "Office Space" as Ricky's father; Jane Lynch, the sex-driven store manager from "The 40 Year Old Virgin" as his mother; and Sacha Baron Cohen from "Da Ali G Show" as a gay Frenchman who drives a Perrier car.

It seems anytime Cohen and Ferrell are on screen, they're comedy gold, especially in the scenes when their mouths are about two inches apart, hurling ridiculous insults at each other.

You can even see Ferrell start to crack up at a few of the insults before they change camera angles. (Keep your eyes open for this one.)

The most ridiculous part of this movie is not the comedy within it, but rather the massive amount of product placement.

Obviously, in a NASCAR movie you expect to see a few products, but this movie makes it obscene. Powerade track jackets, Wonder Bread hats, Shake and Bake, even Goodyear on the cast on Ricky Bobby's broken arm.

But then again, how can you go wrong with a film that has a full-length Applebee's commercial within the movie?

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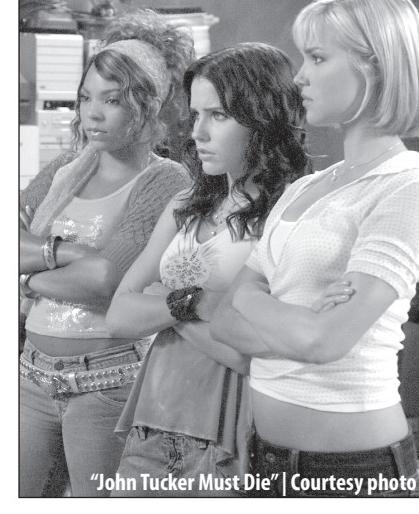
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★ New movies at Seth Childs Cinema this week.



★ "Accepted" PG-13
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
After failing to get into any of the colleges to which he applied, a teen (Justin Long) invents a school that has accepted him to fool his parents. This comedy marks the feature directing debut of writer/producer Steve (Grosse Pointe Blank) Pink.

"Barnyard: The Original Party Animals" PG
12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:15, 9:20
A cow named Otis and his misfit farm animal friends play tricks on humans (sing, dance and party) but when Otis is suddenly placed in a position of responsibility around the barnyard, he must find the courage and confidence to be a leader.

"Descent" R
12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50, 12 a.m.



"John Tucker Must Die" PG-13
12:45, 3:00, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35

"Miami Vice" R
7:10, 10:00
Ricardo Tubbs is urbane and dead smart. He lives with Bronx-born intel analyst Trudy, as they work undercover transporting drug loads into South Florida to identify a group responsible for three murders. Sonny Crockett is charismatic, while undercover working with the supplier of the South Florida group—he gets romantically entangled with Isabella, the Chinese-Cuban wife of an arms and drugs trafficker.



"Monster House" PG
12:35, 2:40, 4:45
Although no adults will believe them, three children realize a neighbor's house is really a monster. They must find a way to stop the house and save the neighborhood.



"Pirates of the Caribbean" PG-13
12:30, 3:40, 7:00, 10:10

★ "Snakes on a Plane" R
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40, (12 a.m.)

"Step Up" PG-13
1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40

"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" PG-13
1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:30, (12 a.m.)
Ricky Bobby is a go-for-broke race car driver, who in races either finishes first or doesn't finish at all. Unhappy with these results, Bobby's team owner brings over Jean Girard, a French Formula One driver, who quickly becomes Bobby's biggest rival.

"World Trade Center" PG-13
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

"You, Me and Dupree" PG-13
1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45, 12 a.m.

"Zoom" PG
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Source: www.carmike.com

TOP MOVIES AT THE BOX OFFICE

Movie	Weekend gross profit
1. "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"	\$90,343,184
2. *"Step Up"	\$20,659,573
3. "World Trade Center"	\$26,531,879
4. "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals"	\$33,717,980
5. *"Pulse"	\$8,203,822
6. "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"	\$392,431,781
7. "Miami Vice"	\$55,271,380
8. "The Descent"	\$17,543,574
9. *"Zoom"	\$4,510,408
10. "Monster House"	\$63,663,488

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Rankings were based on last weekend's profits, number of air times and overall gross incomes for movies. * Indicates new movies.

Laundromats vary in equipment, entertainment

By Heidi Paulson
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Three businesses in Manhattan cater to the ever-pressing need for clean clothes. Speedwash Laundry, 1118 Moro St.; Suds Y'R Duds, 1453 Anderson Ave.; and Wash Palace, 3216 Kimball Ave., all coin-operated laundromats, offer a variety of amenities.

"I live just behind here, in the Westchester apartments. Our building has a laundry facility, but they just don't work very well," Hughes said. "I come here to get it done faster. They have huge washers, and you just do one load instead of four loads in the regular machines."

SPEEDWASH LAUNDRY

Richard Cummings, Manhattan resident, has worked with Speedwash Laundry for the past 36 years and said he diligently keeps the areas clean.

Cummings said he highly recommends the double-load washer-extractors, because clothes come out dryer and require less dry time.

He said the term "extractors" refers to the amount of water left in the clothes prior to drying.

"We have a lot of families come in and they love the double-load Dexter washers," he said. "Clothes just get cleaner in the side-loading washing machines because the drum can come full circle. In the single washers, the agitators simply turn half-way, back and forth."

"It saves you money in the long run — they're the best in town and you can't beat them," he said. "The double-load washer does a 10-times better job than most washers."

Ron Stelter, a 1992 graduate of K-State, said he goes to Speedwash because it's close to his home.

"I used to go to Suds Y'R Duds, but I wasn't completely satisfied with it," Stelter said. "Stuff actually works here at Speedwash."

SUDS Y'R DUDS

Christel Strifler, office manager of Wildcat Property Management Inc., said the business has been around since 1986 when the building was built, but that Wildcat Property Management Inc. has owned it since 1996.

"Updating takes place when things start breaking down," Strifler said. "Over the last eight years we've been replacing older washers with new front-loading models. They're more efficient in terms of water and fuel!"

Strifler said she appreciates it when customers inform her of problems with machinery so they get fixed and customers can get their money back, but she also had some advice for future laundry washers.

"When you overload a



Alicia Jolly of Manhattan folds her laundry Tuesday afternoon at Suds Y'R Duds, 1453 Anderson Ave.

There are three coin-operated laundry facilities offered to Manhattan residents.

washer you think you're saving yourself money, but you're not," she said.

"Because they're going to get damaged and not get clean."

Velma Gill, junior in pre-veterinary and animal science and industry, said she is a faithful patron of Suds Y'R Duds because her apartment building does not offer laundry facilities.

"I've been coming to Suds Y'R Duds every other week," Gill said. "I always liked it here, and I've gotten used to the people here," she said. "At first it bothered me that everyone could see my undergarments, but not anymore. You get used to it."

Speedwash Laundry

- Washers: \$1.50 single load, \$2 double load
- Dryers: \$0.25 for 9 minutes
- Distance from K-State campus: .62 miles
- Hours: 24/7
- Number of machines: 39 washers, 18 dryers
- Most recent update: all new equipment in 1998

Suds Y'R Duds

- Washers: \$1.50 single load, \$1.75 double load
- Dryers: \$0.25 for 12-15 minutes
- Distance from K-State campus: .31 miles
- Hours: 5 - 1 a.m. 7 days a week
- Number of machines: 37 washers, 28 dryers
- Most recent update: front-load washers installed 2004

Wash Palace

- Washers: \$1.50 single load, \$2 double load
- Dryers: \$0.25 for 8 minutes
- Distance from K-State campus: 2.87 miles
- Hours: 24/7
- Number of machines: 49 washers, 37 dryers
- Most recent update: 8 new IPSO washer-extractors installed one month ago

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Lofty Plans: Building your own loft saves space, is cost effective, fits any room

By Kerry Fischer
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds of students will be moving into their new residence hall rooms on Saturday and making them home for the next nine months.

Since residence hall rooms lack space, students who loft their beds have more space for other college essentials, like the mini-fridge.

Lofts come in a variety of styles, but virtually all work the same way. Read on for an easy do-it-yourself loft. This loft style works for rooms with at least an 8-foot ceiling and a standard twin mattress, measuring 38 inches wide and 76 inches long.

What you need:

- 4-feet by 8-feet by 3/4-inch thick AC plywood, one
- 4-inch by 4-inch by 8-feet-long lumber posts, four
- 2-inch by 6-inch by 8-feet-long lumber boards, three
- 1-inch by 3.5-inch by 8-feet-long

finished lumber boards (for the ladder), three
■ Assorted lag bolts (heavy wood screw with square or hexagonal head) and screws
Note: Do not use nails.

The loft portion of the bed is made from the 2-inch by 6-feet boards, so make sure they are sturdy and strong. The 2x6 boards make a rectangular box that the plywood fits into with 1 inch of space on each side of the mattress. The plywood probably will have to be custom cut to fit the rectangle.

Directions:

1. Cut two of the 2x6 boards to 78 inches in length.
2. Cut remaining 2x6 board into two pieces that are each 37 inches long. The long 2x6 pieces will overlap the shorter ones at each corner, so the rectangular box will measure 40 inches by 78 inches and will be 5 1/2 inches tall.
3. Use three 3-inch long drywall screws to connect the 2x6 board
4. Cut plywood to fit rectangle.
5. Use 1 5/8-inch drywall screws spaced at 2-foot intervals to attach plywood to the 2x6 boards.
6. Make sure all the 4x4 lumber boards are the same length.
7. Lay them on the ground side-by-side and measure down from one end to 44 inches.
8. Use a square across the group of posts and draw a line. The line on each post is where the stopping point for the loft platform should be. This way there is a 3-foot ceiling clearance.
9. Position two posts so outer edges are parallel and spaced 78 inches apart.
10. Have a friend or family member help tilt the platform up onto the posts so the top surface of the plywood is just touching the line on each post.
11. Drill two 1 1/4-inch holes through each 2x6 board and halfway into center of 4x4 posts.
12. Attach platform to posts using 4-inch long, 3/8-inch diameter lag bolts.
13. Repeat step 12 with other two posts.

pieces to each other at each corner.

The loft is now complete. The only thing left to build is the ladder to climb in and out of the loft.

To build ladder:

1. Use the three 1-inch thick finished lumber boards to make a ladder similar to those found on a fire escape.
2. Space each board at 10-12 inch intervals at a steep 60-degree angle.
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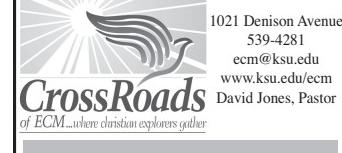
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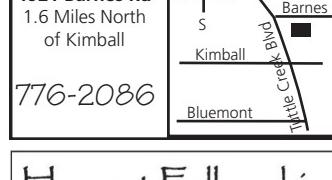
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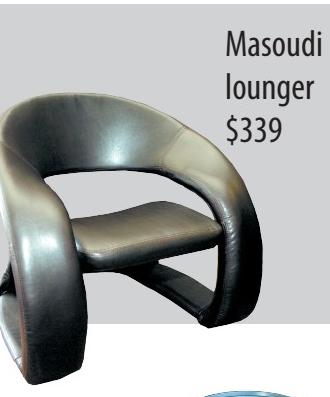
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By Ericka Brunson

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

the position where they feel it just won't work out," said Peter Wetzel, multicultural assistant for Boyd, Putnam and Van Zile halls. "As a last resort we feel if they have to get out, they have to get out."

Kayla Davis, junior in animal science, said she thinks it is best to talk about concerns with a roommate before it escalates.

"You can't just avoid roommate problems thinking they'll go away," she said. "You have to tell them how you feel and what you think can make it better. It can help them realize what they are doing wrong, although it doesn't always work."

One of the most important things to remember when placed in an unsatisfactory situation is to wait before switching roommates, because it could be worse the second time around.

Alicia Guerrero, senior in sociology and RA in the Strong Complex, said she thinks patience is indeed a virtue when it comes to roommate agreement.

"Sometimes different people with different styles are placed together. Just be patient," she said. "Make sure lines of communication are always open. Usually roommate situations turn bad because of lack of communication."

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Local attractions offer recreation, relaxation, entertainment

By Jennifer Funk
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After the move-in frenzy has passed, students can explore some of Manhattan's hangouts with new friends. These places offer free or cheap fun for students looking for a way to spend lazy afternoons.

TUTTLE CREEK LAKE

Students can take advantage of Tuttle Creek State Park's Annual Outdoor Expo this weekend. No vehicle permits are required starting Saturday at 9 a.m., and special events include canoe games, mud volleyball and an antique car show.

Canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are available for rent at the River Pond Area for \$5 per hour. There is also a swimming beach and an 18-hole disc-golf course.

For a little more money, students can rent jet skis for \$30 per hour and pontoon boats for \$60 per hour at Wildcat Marina. Lay-out and

band decks are two lesser-known features of the marina.

Kathy O'Malley, co-owner of Wildcat Marina, said the marina will be host to the reggae band Mizozi on Sept. 3.

"People like to sit in their boats on the cove and listen," she said.

Students can reach the River Pond Area by going north on Tuttle Creek Blvd. to mile marker 312.

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Located just south of Manhattan, Pillsbury Crossing is a place where people can park their cars or sit in their lawn chairs in the few inches of creek water that flows over a limestone pathway.

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Frank Craig, salesperson at Brooks Yamaha, has grown up in the Manhattan area and said it is a good place to go in a short amount of time.

Spillway Cycle Area is southeast of the lake, past Tuttle Creek Reservoir Dam, on Dyer Road.

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City Park, one block south of Aggierville, is the city's busiest park.

Frank Gibbs, park planner for Manhattan Parks and Recreation, estimated about 200 people visit the park on nice evenings.

Clarenden Trail, a one-mile path around the perimeter of the park, "is the most

heavily used trail in the park system," he said.

Frank Anneberg Park, west on Anderson Avenue, is a sprawling complex of baseball and soccer fields, complete with a small fishing lake and nature trail. It is situated next to Wildcat Creek Golf and Fitness, a place students can go for a round of golf, regular or miniature, for a fee.

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The Swing City Jazz concerts have been popular with the college crowd, said Tess Purvis, director of marketing and programs.

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Resident assistants prepare for incoming students at training



Dan Wilcox, assistant director of University Counseling Services, speaks to Resident Assistants about dealing with suicide during a training session for the RAs Tuesday afternoon in Putnam Hall.

Steven Doll | COLLEGIAN

By Megan Moser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

They enforce alcohol and drug policies, counsel students and coordinate social events. But that's not all.

Resident assistants have a list of duties that encompass every aspect of student life, and with such responsibility comes extensive training.

Eighty-five resident assistants attended training August 14-18 in preparation for the 3,800 students who began moving into the nine campus residence halls today.

During that time, they participated in team-building activities and listened to presentations on topics such as depression and eating disorders. They also learned strategies in conflict resolution and mediation and took part in mock situations.

Greer Helms, graduate student in college student personnel and the assistant resident life coordinator for Ford Hall, gave a presentation on ethics and boundaries.

"As an RA, it can be hard to balance your roles," she said. "They have to be a parent, a friend or a counselor, depending on the situation."

Shyra Wallace, junior in agribusiness, said she will be an RA for the first time in Ford Hall this year, though it will be her third year living in the building.

"I'm a newbie," she said. "I'm just looking forward to seeing what kind of community I can develop on my floor, because each one is different."

Mark Neier, junior in industrial engineering, said he is looking forward to interacting with the new freshmen

as they acclimate to life on campus.

This will be his third year in Moore Hall, but his first as an RA.

"I wanted to be in Moore because I had a positive experience there, and I've seen the effect it can have on people's lives."

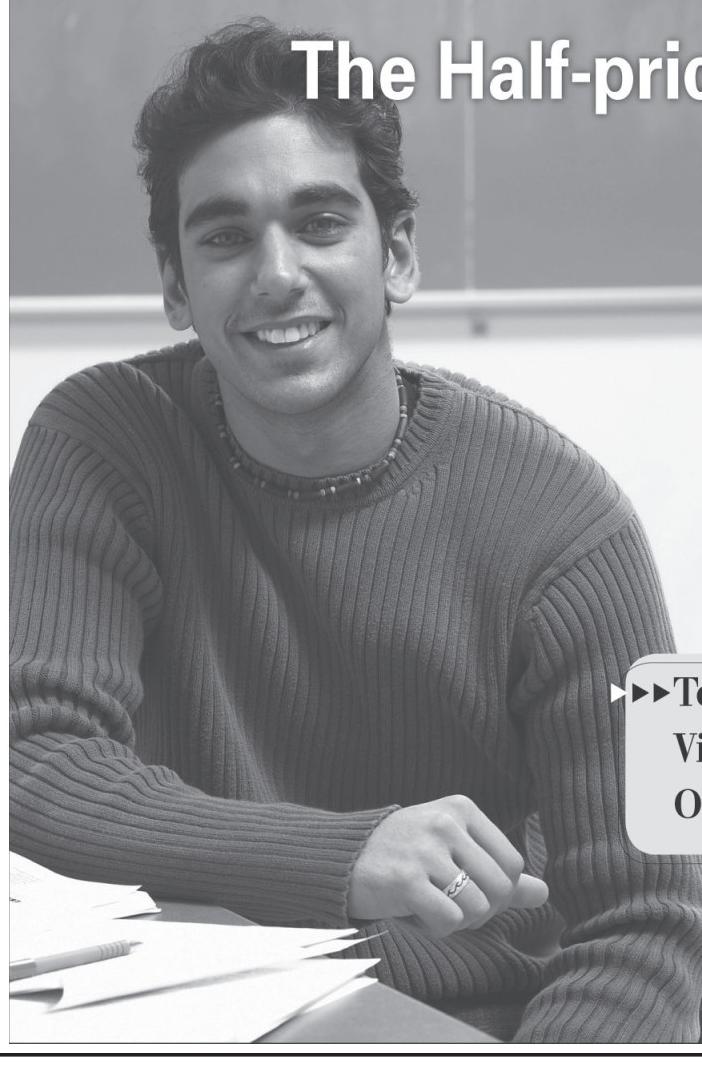
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